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SUBJECT: ECA - AFRICAN REGIONAL MEETING ON THE ACTION PLAN
OF THE UN WATER CONFERENCE

1. DEPT HAS LEARNED FROM READING THE JUNE 1978 ISSUE OF
THE UN NEWSLETTER ON NATURAL RESOURCES THAT THE AFRICAN
REGIONAL FOLLOW-UP WATER CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD
UNDER ECA AUSPICES SOME TIME IN SEPTEMBER. THE AFRICAN
REGIONAL FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE IS ONE OF A SERIES OF
REGIONAL CONFERENCES BEING HELD TO RELATE THE RECOMMENDA-
TIONS OF THE WORLD ACTION PLAN (WHICH CAME OUT OF THE MARCH
1977 UN WATER CONFERENCE) TO REGIONAL AND NATIONAL NEEDS.

2. THE US GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE SEVERITY OF WATER
SUPPLY AND WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS FACING ALL COUNTRIES.

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WE ATTACH A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANCE TO SOLVING THIS PRO-
BLEM AND WE URGE ALL OTHER NATIONS TO DO THE SAME. WE
VIEW THESE REGIONAL MEETINGS, SUCH AS THE ECA SPONSORED
MEETING, AS PLAYING A POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN PRO-
MOTING THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EFFORTS REQUIRED TO MAKE
THE DECADE ON WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION A SUCCESS.

3. DEPT THUS REQUESTS EMBASSY DETERMINE FROM ECA SECRETARIAT DATES AND LOCATION OF AFRICAN REGIONAL FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE AND INQUIRE WHETHER US OBSERVERS AT MEETING WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. ASSUMING US PARTICIPATION WOULD BE WELCOME, AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR MEETING SHOULD BE POUCHED TO JOHN CASWELL, IO/IEP IN THE DEPARTMENT. VANCE

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